

Pennsylvania State Innovation Waiver  
 Summary of Comments  
 July 2020

Commenter	Summary of Comment	Departments' Response
<p>The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)</p>	<p>ACS CAN supports Pennsylvania's proposed reinsurance program. A well-designed reinsurance program can help to lower premiums and mitigate plan risk associated with high-cost enrollees. Savings under the reinsurance program could reduce federal subsidy payments, and lower premiums for consumers not eligible for subsidies who enroll in coverage through the exchange. Access to health care coverage is paramount for persons with cancer and survivors. These premium savings could help cancer patients and survivors afford health insurance coverage and may allow some individuals to enroll who previously could not afford coverage. ACS CAN is pleased that the waiver will not impact the comprehensiveness of coverage in Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>We appreciate the support and have approved the waiver.</p>
<p>Joint letter from Health Partners (American Heart Association, American Liver Foundation, American Lung Association, Arthritis Foundation, Cancer Support Community, Crohn's &amp; Colitis Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Epilepsy Foundation, Hemophilia Federation of America, Leukemia &amp; Lymphoma Society,</p>	<p>The advocacy groups support approval of Pennsylvania's waiver application. A strong, robust marketplace is essential for individuals with serious, acute, and chronic health conditions to access comprehensive coverage. Pennsylvania's reinsurance program is an important tool to stabilize the marketplace and help issuers cover high-cost claims, which keeps premiums affordable and prevents them from rising. Pennsylvania's reinsurance program will help people with pre-existing conditions obtain affordable and comprehensive coverage without compromising access to essential health benefits or jeopardizing other important protections. Stabilizing health insurance marketplaces is particularly important given the outbreak of COVID-19. These groups believe Pennsylvania's waiver program will help stabilize the individual market in</p>	<p>We appreciate the support and have approved the waiver.</p>

<p>Mended Hearts &amp; Mended Little Hearts, National Alliance on Mental Illness, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Organization for Rare Disorders, National Psoriasis Foundation, Susan G. Komen)</p>	<p>Pennsylvania and protect patients and consumers.</p>	
---	---	--